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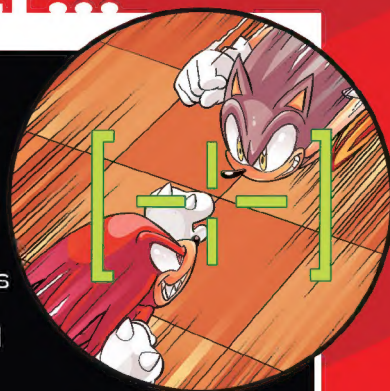
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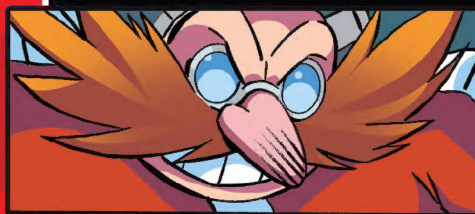
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CASINO PARK AREA--  
THE FINAL ROUND!

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FASTEST  
THING  
ALIVE

KNUCKLES  
THE BEST  
BRAWLER

# CHAMPIONS

## FINALE: THE ONE LEFT STANDING

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THOK!

BRING BACK  
MEMORIES?

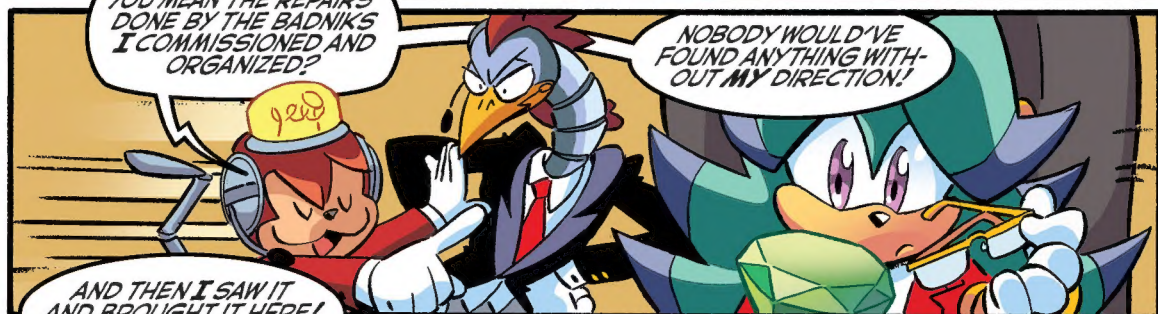
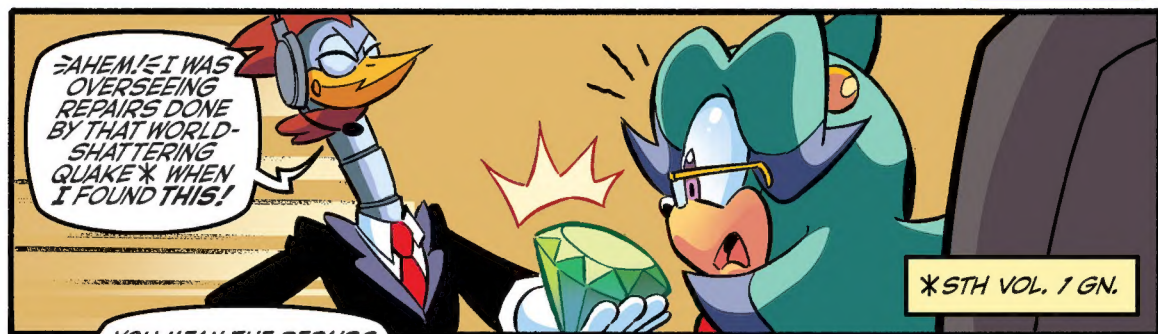
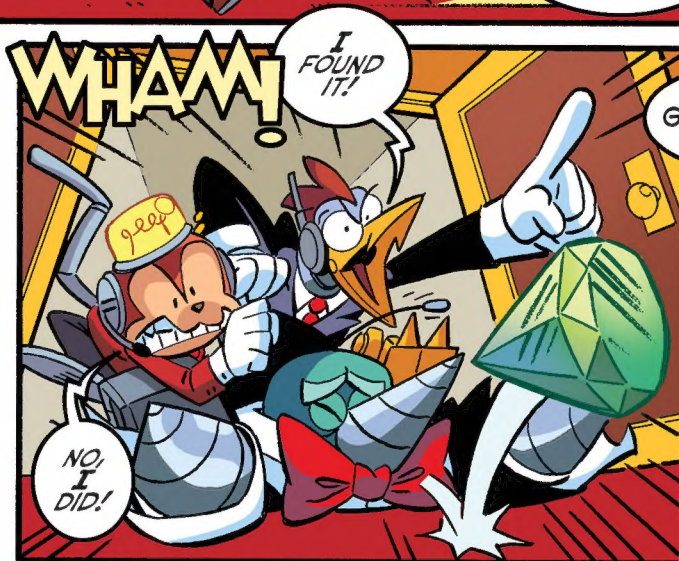
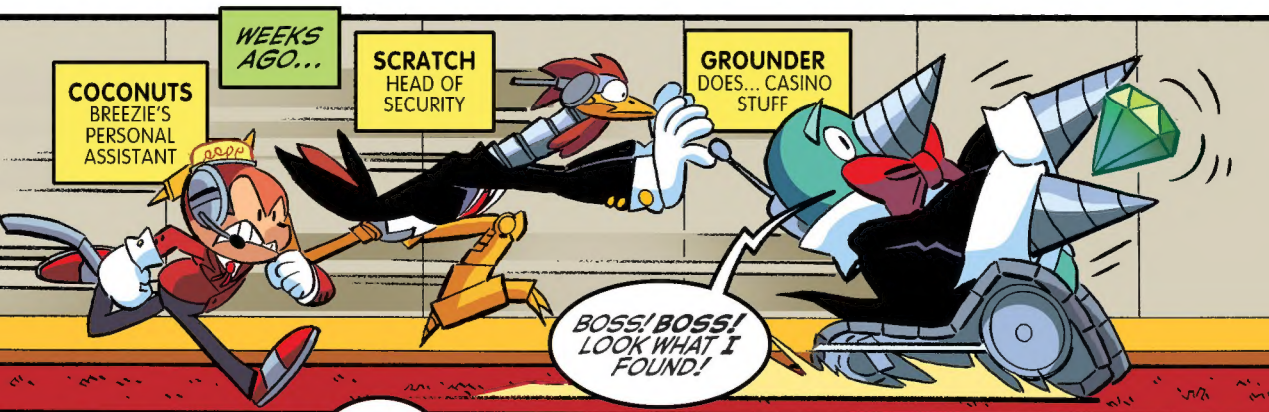
HA! YEAH!  
KICKING YOUR  
BUTT FOR CHAOS  
EMERALDS NEVER  
GETS OLD!

YOU MEAN *TRYING*  
TO KICK MY BUTT.  
JUST LIKE YOU'RE  
*TRYING* TO WIN THIS  
CHAMPIONSHIP!

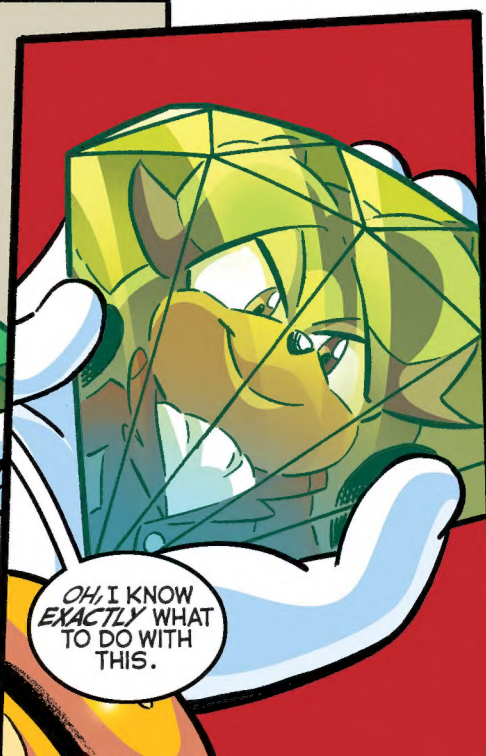
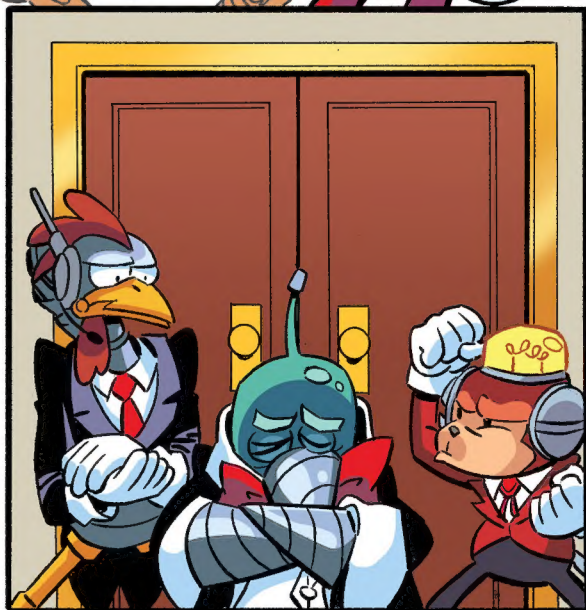
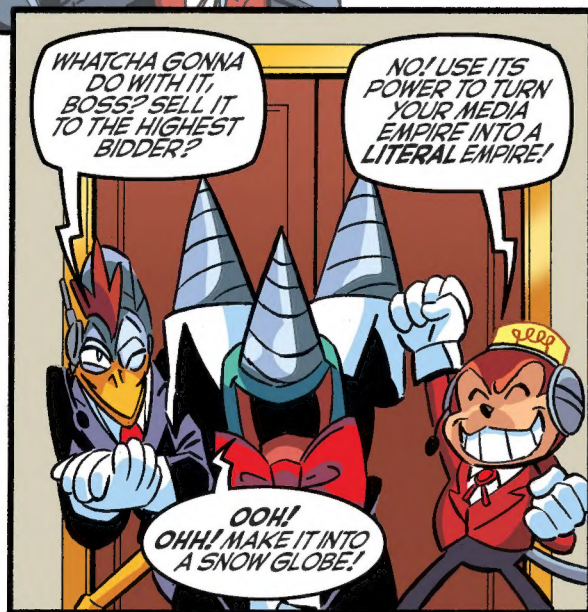
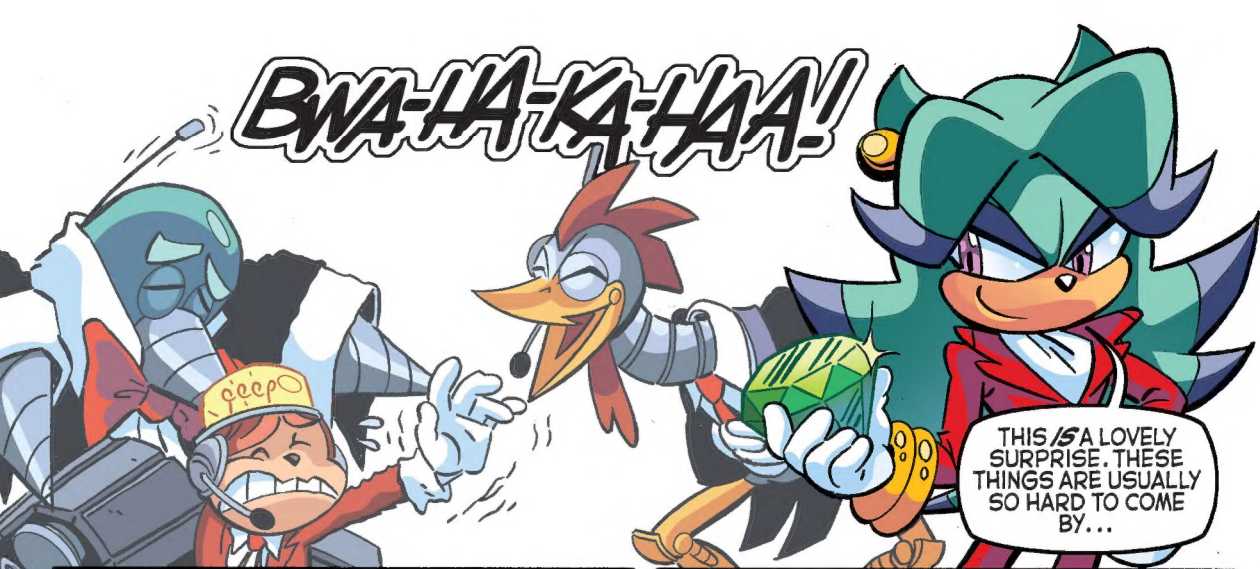
YEAH, GIMME ANOTHER MINUTE.  
Y'KNOW, THINKING ABOUT THIS  
WHOLE TOURNEY, I NEVER STOPPED  
TO CONSIDER *HOW* BREEZIE GOT  
THAT EMERALD FOR THE PRIZE...

HEY!  
WE'RE FIGHTIN'  
HERE! TAKE THIS  
SERIOUSLY!











NOW...

WHAT ARE YOU EVEN DOING HERE, MAN? IT FINALLY GET TOO PEACEFUL ON YOUR LITTLE SLICE OF HEAVEN?

I'M HUNTING DOWN THE SHARDS OF THE MASTER EMERALD! THE ENERGY OF THE PRIZE EMERALD DREW ME HERE. WHILE I FOUND ONE--

WAIT--AGAIN? WHAT HAPPENED?

SHADOW WAS HUNTING DOWN SOME ALIEN... ARGH!...I'LL TELL YOU LATER!\*

WHAM!

\* KNUCKLES HAD TO SHATTER THE MASTER EMERALD--"TOTAL ECLIPSE" SU#67-70.

SO ANGEL ISLAND IS...?

FLOATING, JUST LIKE THE REST OF THE WRECKED PLANET.

SO IF WE FIX THE WORLD, YOUR ISLAND FALLS. DUDE, DO YOU WANT ME TO THROW THE FIGHT SO YOU CAN HURRY UP AND GET BACK TO SEARCHING?

DON'T YOU *DARE*! WE'LL WORRY ABOUT PLANS AND EMERALDS AND EVERYTHING LATER.

BUT RIGHT *NOW*, YOU'RE GONNA GIVE ME A DECENT FIGHT!

NEED TO BLOW OFF SOME STEAM, HUH? SOUNDS GOOD!

LET'S RUMBLE!

VREEEE!





THWAK!

SOK!

VREEEE!

Bet



MEAN-  
WHILE,  
AT THE  
CASINO'S  
POWER  
GRID...

BARK  
HOOLIGANS  
BRUISER

I'M  
ALMOST DONE.  
WE STILL  
CLEAR?

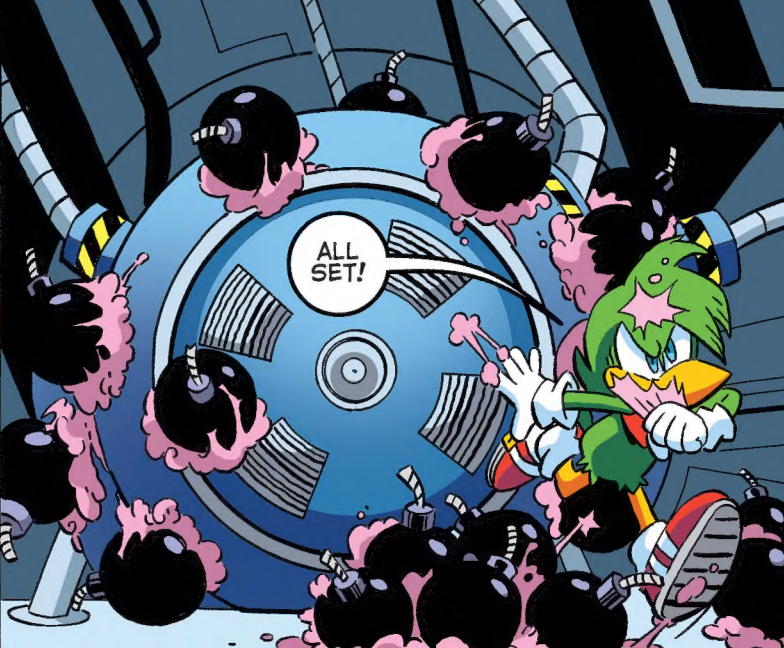
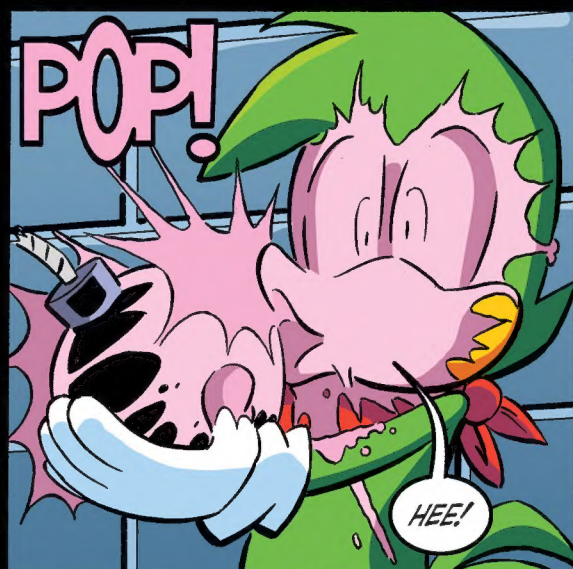
BEAN  
HOOLIGANS  
DEMOLITIONS

GROOVY!

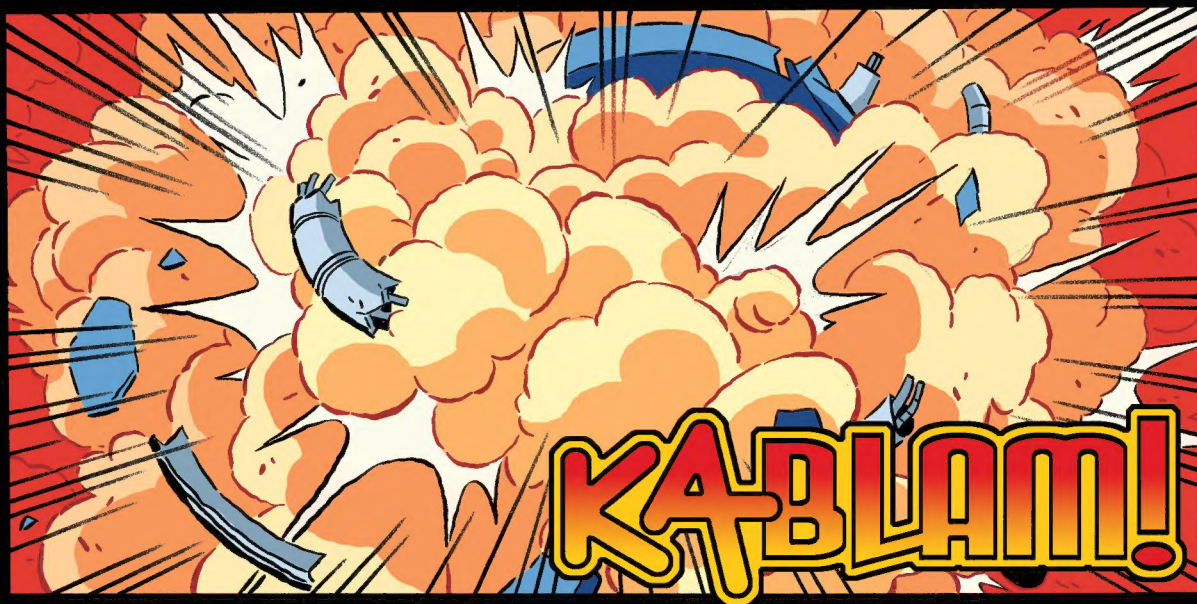
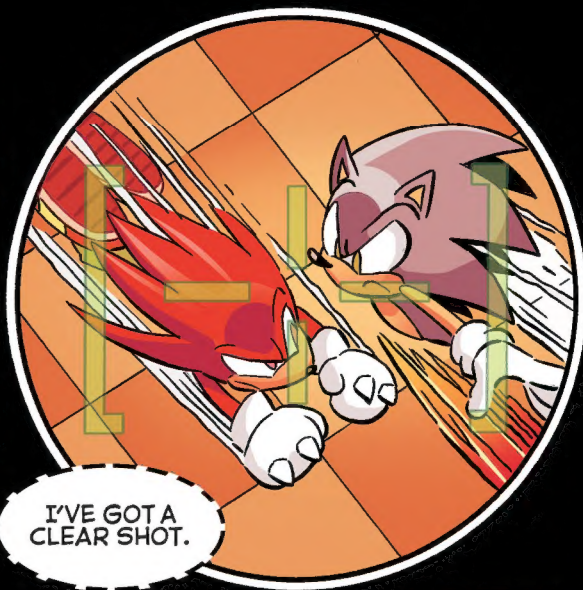
GROOVY! SWACK!

POW!

HEH HEH--NACK  
PUTS THE *SILENT*  
GUY ON WATCH  
DUTY, AND I'M THE  
CRAZY ONE?





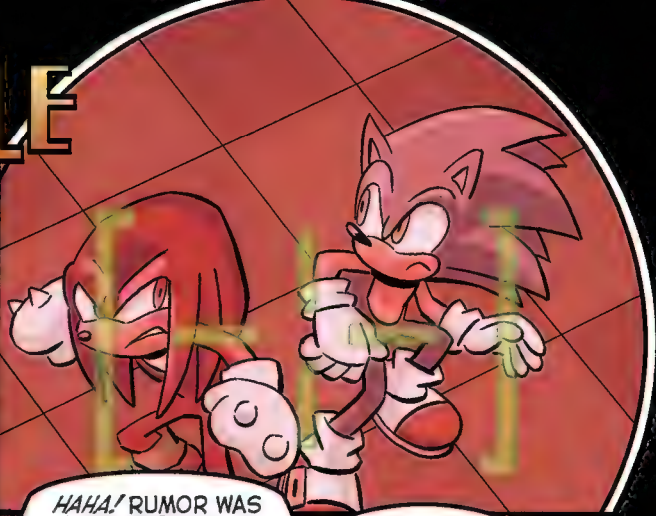




RRRRUMBLE

EEEEK!

UH...IS  
THIS PART OF  
THE SHOW?



HAHA! RUMOR WAS  
YOU WERE TRANS-  
FORMING AT NIGHT,  
SONIC. I DIDN'T KNOW  
IT WAS INTO AN  
UNMOVING TARGET!

ONE CENTIMETER  
MORE, AND I'LL GET  
'EM BOTH WITH *ONE*  
SHOT!

I DON'T THINK  
SO, CHUCKLES.

CRASH!

NYAH!!

METAL SONIC  
EVIL ROBOT  
DOUBLE

WHOOOSH!

CLUD!



⊕ ANALYZING DEFENSES... ⊕

⊕ MAG-LOCK GATES OFF-LINE. LASER GRID OFFLINE. ⊕

⊕ SECURITY STAFF ...MISSING. ⊕

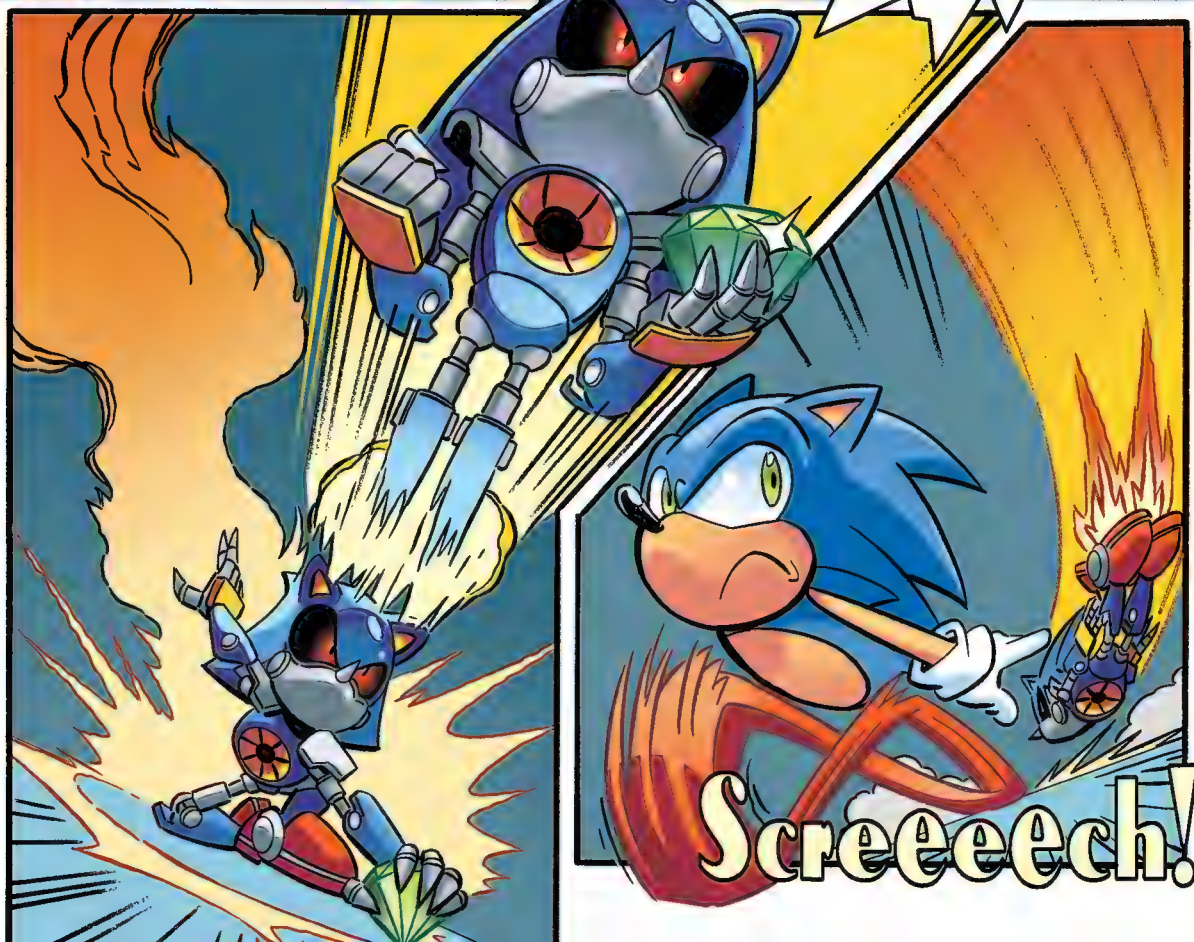
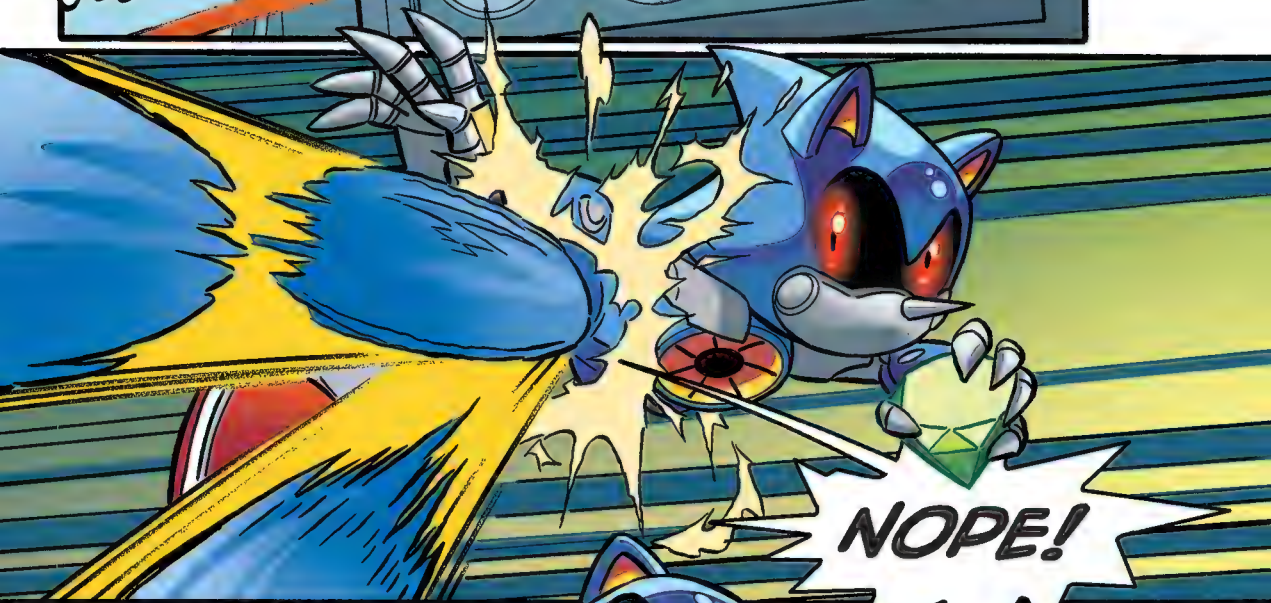
⊕ VAULT DOOR IS... OPEN? ⊕

CRREEEEEEAK!

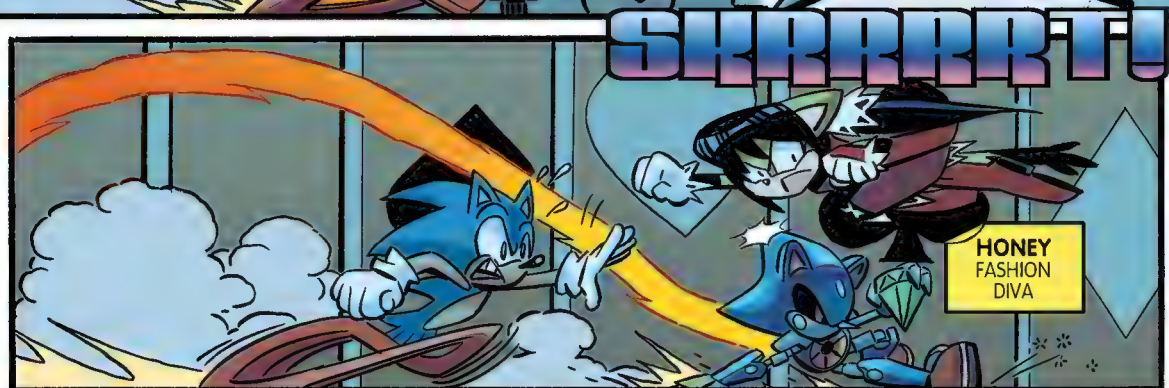
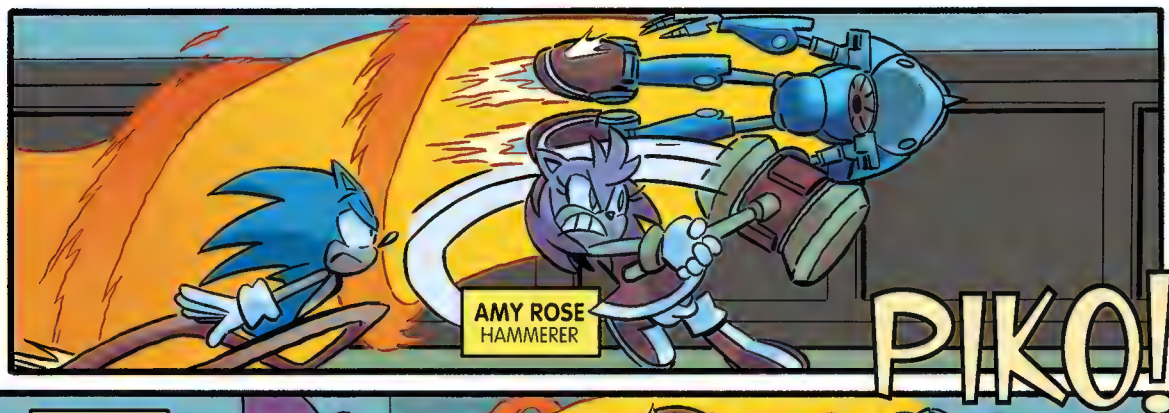
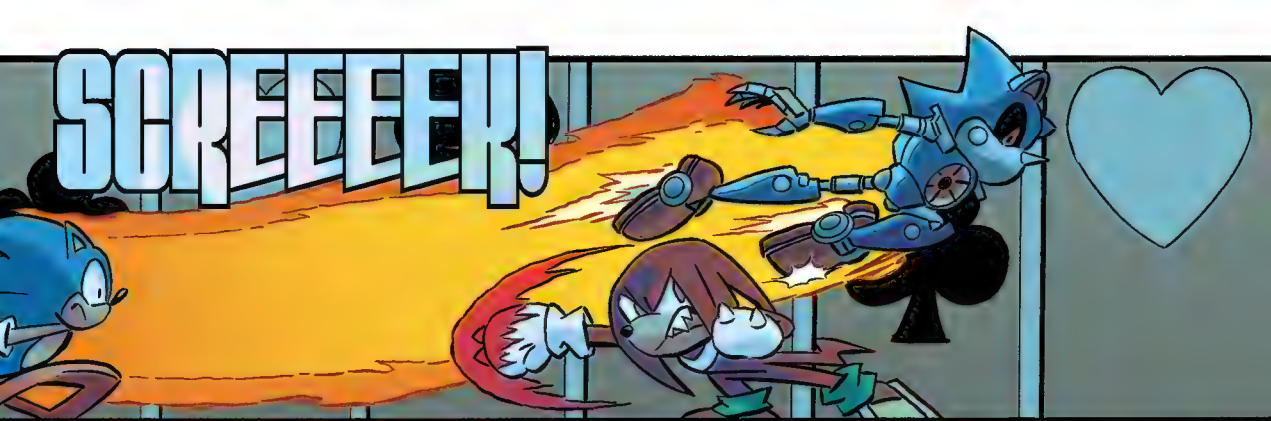
SLAM!

GRASH!





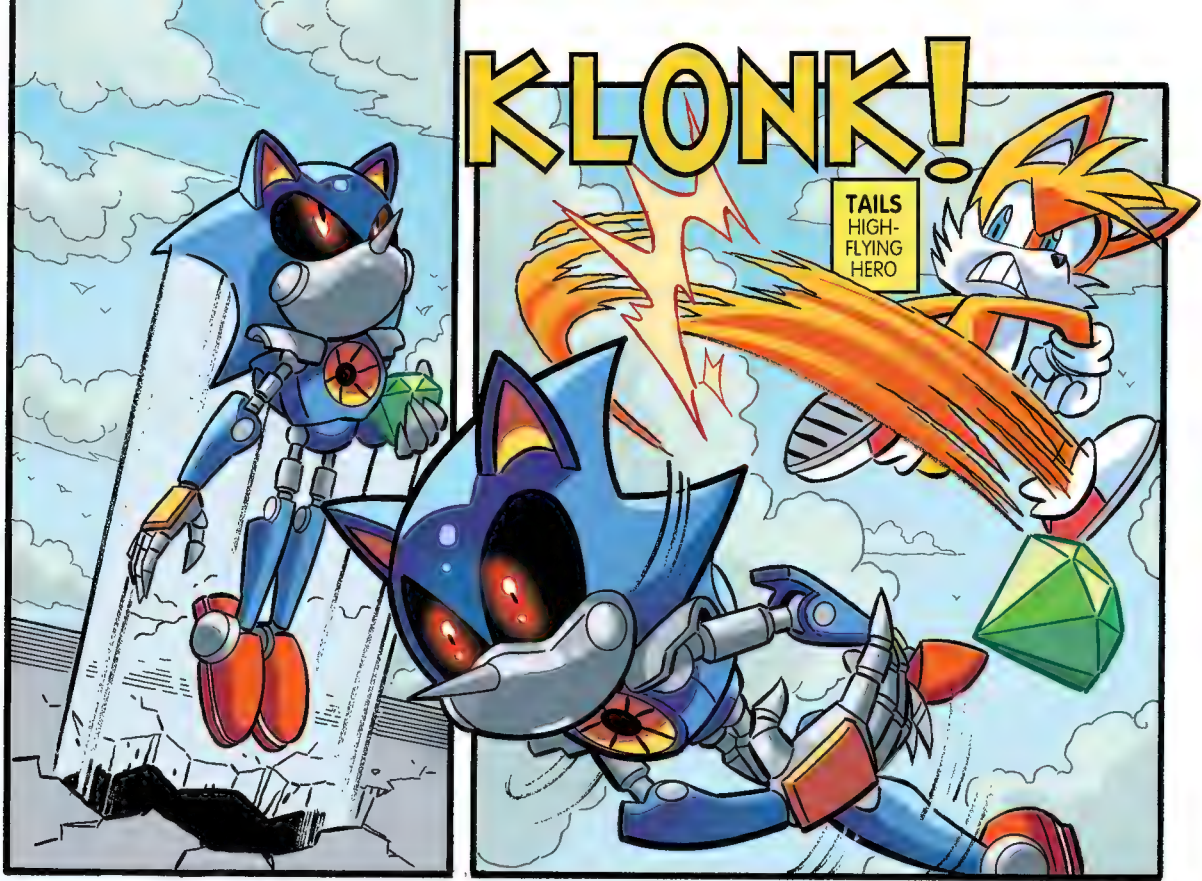




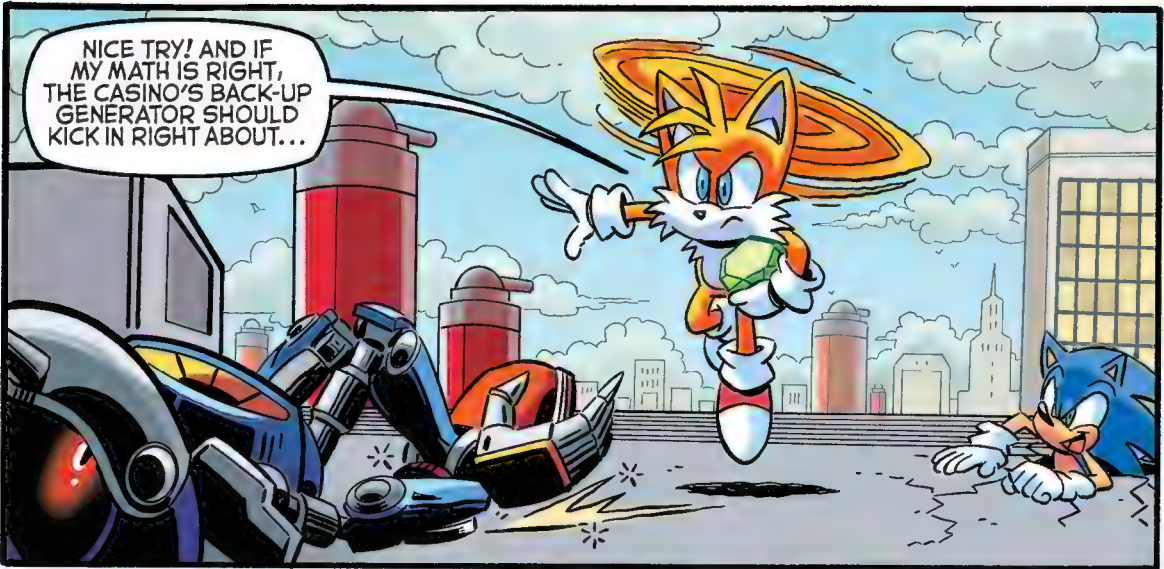


# KLONK!

TAILS  
HIGH-  
FLYING  
HERO



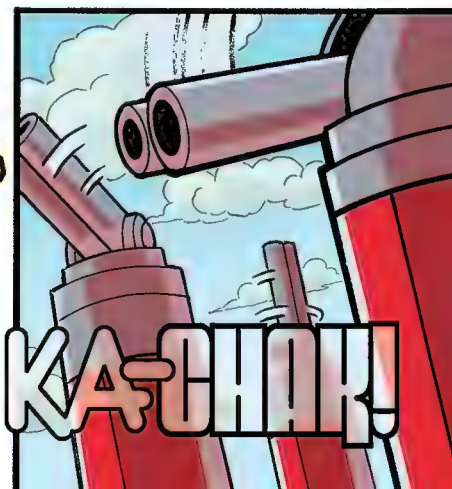
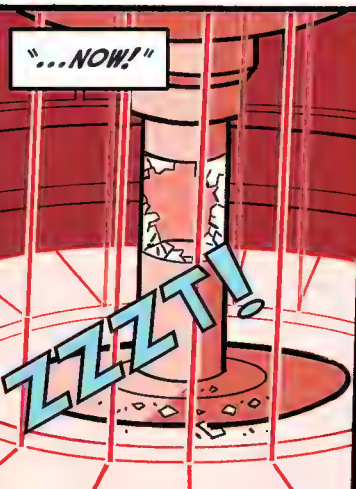
NICE TRY! AND IF  
MY MATH IS RIGHT,  
THE CASINO'S BACK-UP  
GENERATOR SHOULD  
KICK IN RIGHT ABOUT...



"...NOW!"

# SLAM!

# ZZZZT!









AND SO...

...AAAAAND THERE! YOUR WAIT STAFF WILL BE EXCLUSIVELY OUTFITTED BY HONEY BRAND CLOTHING!

HOW EXCITING! I'VE NEVER DESIGNED CLOTHES FOR ROBOTS BEFORE.

I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU, HONEY. YOU REALLY IMPRESSED ME DURING THE TOURNAMENT.

IS THAT A FACT?

OH, YES. PUTTING YOUR REPUTATION-- AND NECK-- ON THE LINE? GIVING IT YOUR ALL TO GET WHAT YOU WANT? I RELISH A PARTNER WITH THAT KIND OF INITIATIVE.

WELL, NOW THAT WE'RE SO CLOSE, CAN I SAY SOMETHING?

OFF THE RECORD.

BUSINESS-WOMAN TO BUSINESS-WOMAN.

YES?

IT'S NO SECRET DOCTOR EGGMAN WANTED THAT CHAOS EMERALD. SUDDENLY, THREE "RANDOM" MERCS WITH EGGMAN CONNECTIONS GET ADDED TO THE BRACKET OVERNIGHT.

THEN, WHEN THEY GET BUMPED, METAL SONIC SHOWS UP. NONE OF YOUR OUTSIDE SECURITY STOPS HIM. NONE OF YOUR INSIDE SECURITY IS AROUND. THE HOOLIGANS BLEW THE POWER AND GOT AWAY SCOT-FREE, AND NOT *ONE* OF YOUR BADNIKS TOOK A SHOT AT METAL SONIC AS HE ESCAPED.

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS *CAME REAL CLOSE* TO LOSING WHAT THEY NEED TO *SAVE THE WORLD*.





THE HOOLIGANS ARE EXPERT PROVOCATEURS, AND METAL SONIC IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF ROBOTIC PERFECTION. IT'S DISAPPOINTING, BUT NOT SURPRISING, MY SECURITY WASN'T ENOUGH.

AND ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, I WAS LOSING THE CHAOS EMERALD. BUT WITH SIX HEROES DESPERATELY TRYING TO STOP A LAST-MINUTE ASSAULT BY A DEADLY SUPER-ROBOT...WELL, I GOT THE ATTENTION OF THE *ENTIRE WORLD*.

THIS ENTIRE TOURNAMENT WAS MOST LUCRATIVE, MY DEAR. SHATTERED OR WHOLE, I'M NOW WORTH *HALF* THIS PLANET.



THAT'S...QUITE THE SHREWD MINDSET YOU'VE GOT THERE.

TAKE IT TO HEART. YOU TOOK OUT TAILS IN SHORT ORDER TO ADVANCE. I *KNOW* YOU'LL SEE THE WISDOM OF MY WORDS SOON ENOUGH.

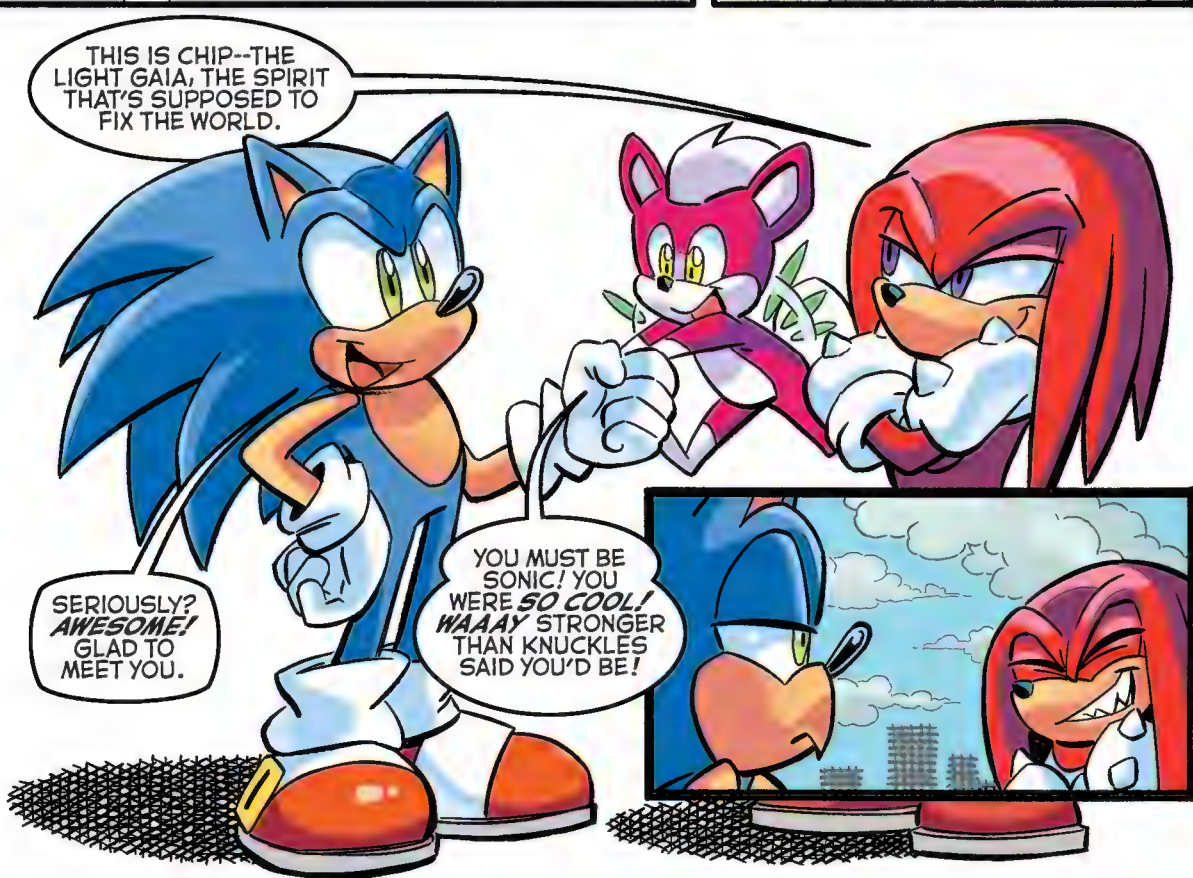


*HAHA!* WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT! NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME-- I'VE GOT ORDERS TO FILL!

*TA-TA!* I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU!











KNUCKLES SAYS  
YOU'VE BEEN  
GATHERING CHAOS  
EMERALDS?

YUP. COUNTING  
THE ONE WE WON  
TODAY, WE'RE UP  
TO FOUR.

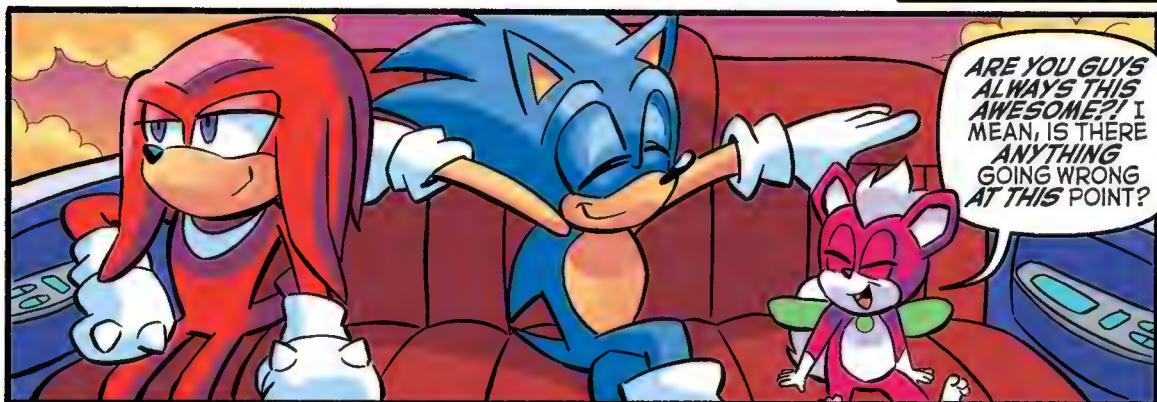
THAT'S  
GREAT!

AND I'VE  
LEARNED A  
MAGICAL TECH-  
NIQUE THAT'S  
HELPING US HOME  
IN ON THE LAST  
EMERALDS  
AND THE GAIA  
TEMPLES.\*

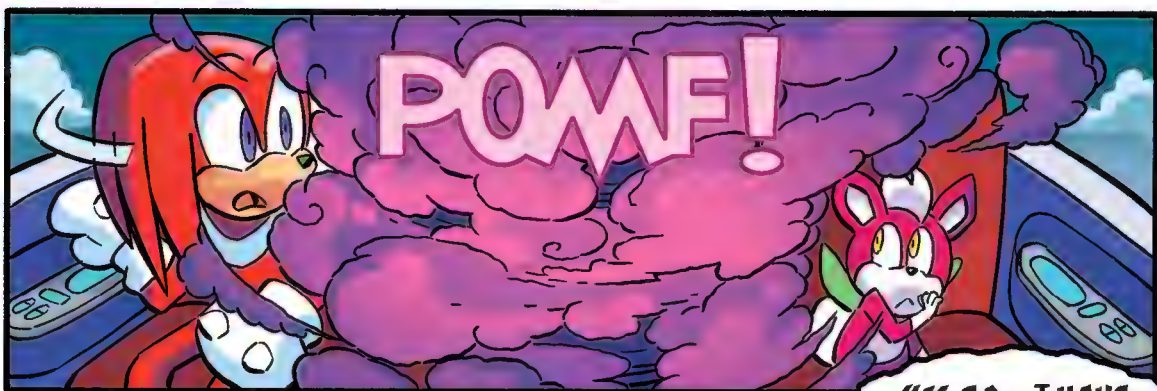


YAY! MY MISSION  
DOESN'T FEEL  
IMPOSSIBLE ANY-  
MORE!

\* ANCIENT TEMPLES  
USED TO REPAIR THE  
SHATTERED WORLD.



ARE YOU GUYS  
ALWAYS THIS  
AWESOME?! I  
MEAN, IS THERE  
ANYTHING  
GOING WRONG  
AT THIS POINT?



POWF!



UM, SO...I HAVE  
THIS CONDITION...



MEANWHILE...

I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT SONIC ISN'T BACK YET. I'M... GUESSING YOU DON'T WATCH MUCH TV.

I'M PRINCESS SALLY ACORN OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, THOUGH. WHAT CAN WE HELP YOU WITH?

MY NAME IS GREGARIOS, AND I **MUST** SPEAK WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. I HAVE VITAL INFORMATION --**SECRET** INFORMATION-- THAT IS THE KEY TO ENDING THIS NIGHTMARE.

THE MONSTERS, THE SHATTERED WORLD-- I KNOW HOW HE CAN FIX EVERYTHING!

WHAT IS THE **SECRET** THE OLD SAGE HOLDS? FIND OUT NEXT TIME!

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# A Letter from the EDITOR

Attention: Sonic fans! Hear ye, hear ye!

It's my privilege to officially introduce to you your new **Sonic the Hedgehog** comics Editor -- Vincent Lovallo!

Vin has been working on these books for years now as Assistant Editor to yours truly, and his brilliant work has helped to transform the comics you hold in your hands month after month into the pristine works of art that they are today. And believe me, the awesomeness you've got coming up in the next few months courtesy of Mr. Lovallo is going to blow you away! I couldn't be happier or more proud to have worked with Vin, and he's about to become the best Archie Action editor ever!

Thanks to everyone who made my time as Editor a great one — especially to Mike Pellerito, who set a shining example of how to do this job and do it well. Also a big thanks to Victor Gorelick who hired me all those years ago, Jon Goldwater who makes publishing these wonderful titles possible, everyone at Archie who has pitched in to help over the years, to SEGA, especially Rene and George, for all their support, and to the incredible talent I got to work with on these titles! Chatting with Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley, Patrick Spaziente, Matt Herms, Jack Morelli, John Workman, Jim Amash, Terry Austin, Rick Bryant, Ryan Jampole and so many others is always the highlight of my day! And last but not least, thanks to you the reader and all the fans who have written to us, said hello at shows, and supported these titles through five crazy years of expansion, change and epic new heights. You pals 'n' gals are the best.

Long story short, get ready for big action, tons of laughs and LOTS of adventure as Vin takes the reigns.

To quote Mike, "the best is yet to come!"

**Paul**

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